ROME. Nov. 16 .- M. Decurting has alread had a long and busy career as a Deputy, a philologist, an orator, an organizer, a social reformer and a wholly Roman Catholic. His sociological activity has made him famous, but little is known about his life. Few people know that he rebuilt the Abbev of Dissentis that charming nook at the foot of the Alps; that with M. Python, the best statesman in Switzerland, he set on its feet the Catholic University of Freiburg: that in combination with the Socialists he has organized the Swiss "Tag." that is to say, a sor' of permanent Labor secretary's office; that he has published a Rumansch chrestomathy that is a monument of patience and learning; that he has founded a newspaper, has had a library translated and has delivered eloquent lectures on the most varied sub-

A plan has been submitted recently to the Holy See by M. Decurtins, which, if carried out, would work an immense social advance. One of the problems of his life, as is well known, is to draw up an inter-national workingman's law. That is the golden clus to his socialist activity. He will not believe that economic piracy will end before the day when all States will have combined in legislation that shall protect women, children and workingmen. just as they put an end to the piracy on the Barbary coast by joint action. Eleven years ago he induced the Pederal Council at Berne to invite the European Foreign Offices to a cosmopolitan conference. In a clear and authoritative essay he made a plea for this as a conscientious and learned observer. The Holy Father loves M Decurtins and blessed his noble and beneficent enterprise. Then came the "new course" of Wilhelm II. Delighted in his perpetual motion with dreams of social harmony he snatched the glory of that areopagus from Switzerland. But the Berlin conference, in which the Jules Simons of every land made beautiful speeches, proved a wretched failure. Only neutral territory, and a Government inspiring neither jealousy nor envy nor uneasiness, can solve a problem in which the interests of a whole civilization meet and mingle. For this reason M. Decurtins held that

his proposal was still open. As a preparation for the measure, he is planning at present a Universal Catholic Socialist Congress to be held in Switzerland. The time and place will be settled in December. The meeting will be held next year. The socialist movement of universal Catholicism is broad enough and deep

enough to admit of this great hope. In every land, as I have stated before in THE Sun, Christian d-mocracy is "flowing full to the brim." It is to the eternal honor of Catholic socialists that 'hey have taken a middle position, between the old political economy and collectivism, out of which will spring the civilization of the future In France and pretty nearly everywhere, whenever the socialists put a reform measure into concrete shape, they inevitably come closer to our ideals. That is the case with M. Millerand, with Herr von Woltmar, with Herr Greulich and so many others The Vatican will back up enthusiastically the ideas of M. Decurtins and the Social-

The reception given to the encyclical on Christian democracy has not come up to the Pope's expectations nor to the magnitude of the subject. Leo XIII. perhaps put so many shades of meaning into his socialist charter that the great body of readers did not perceive the historical meaning of the document. Nevertheless, that monument will preserve its symmetry and magnificence in history. Through his encyclical, the crowning, if I may say so, the encyclical "Rerum Novarum." Leo XIII. took the lead in the great social reorm. He gave to Catholice, and through them to reformers of all kinds, the mission erial benefits. It is the shame of the nineteenth century that it granted to the multitude the preponderating share in public affairs without giving it the power to do its duty. The present condition of the political City calls for the inevitable organization of the socialist City. The ing congress will render this task easier. The Holy Father is right in busying himself with this cosmopolitan movement whose general outlines and ultimate purpose I described recently. The political sation of anti-clerical elements in France has brought about a social associaton as well. The secret object of this strange alliance is to establish a new power y means of a new form of society, to crase political 1789 by a social 1900. M. Millerand it is who gives to the Waldeckhouseau Cabinet its meaning and accent. From Paris the union is spreading like a powder train throughout all countries ind may be found at every frontier At Rosse, under the eyes of the Holy Father, the navey monarchy has harnessed together adictory elements for the purinner of fighting effectively the Pope and he Guelpla and of saving the royal family from its general unpopularity.

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